APPENDIX I.

NOTES ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION REGULATION, XIV OF 1928, ON THE KOLAR GOLD FIELD FOR THE YEAR 1931-32.

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The following are the particulars of cases tried by the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Kolar District, from 1st July 1931 to 30th June 1932.—

During the period under report, a total number of 268 cases were filed as against 163 during the preceding year. Of these, 133 were claims relating to fatal accidents and 26 relating to non-fatal accidents and 109 were memoranda of agreements. Twenty-nine cases were contested under section 21 (2) of the Workmen's Compensation Regulation. Of these, 5 cases were compromised, 12 were dismissed, claims were allowed in 6 cases and 6 cases are pending. A total number of 130 claims relating to fatal accidents and 21 claims relating to non-fatal accidents and 107 memoranda of agreement were disposed of. Three claims relating to fatal accidents and 5 claims relating to non-fatal accidents and 2 memoranda of agreement are pending. One memorandum of agreement was recorded after alteration under section 27 (1) (*d*) of the Workmen's Compensation Regulation.

Two claims in respect of diseases alleged to have been contracted in the course of employment were received. Of these, one relating to deafness was dismissed on the ground that no specific injury was proved to which deafness could be held to be solely and directly attributable as required by section 3 (4) of Workmen's Compensation Regulation 1928. The other relating to pulmonary tuberculosis was dismissed on the ground that there was no causal connection between the disease and the alleged accident.

Appeal was preferred to the High Court of Mysore under section 29 (1) of the Regulation in three cases. One preferred by the employer-company was dismissed on the preliminary question of limitation and the other two preferred by the claimants are pending.

The Executive Member, Messrs. John Taylor & Sons' Committee, Ooregaum, on behalf of the Mining Companies deposited a total sum of Rs. 93,546-11-0 in respect of both fatal and non-fatal accidents as against Rs. 43,915-6-0 during the preceding year. Out of the total amount of Rs. 93,546-11-0 deposited, a sum of Rs. 92,226-11-0 was distributed to the claimants including the amounts refunded to the employer under section 8(4) of the Regulation, and a sum of Rs. 1,320 is pending orders of distribution. A total sum of Rs. 2,815 is in deposit in the Bank of Mysore, Ltd., Ooregaum, pending final payment to the parties concerned. During the year under report, a total sum of Rs. 6,742-8 0 was invested in the Government Savings Bank, Fixed and Current Deposits in the Bowringpet Treasury. A sum of Rs. 1,400 was invested in the purchase of 6½ per cent Government of India Treasury Bonds 1935 and a sum of Rs. 945 was invested in the purchase of the Post Office Cash Certificates on behalf of the minors. Out of the total amounts invested, a sum of Rs. 6,867-8-0 was withdrawn and paid to the guardians for purchase of house or lands on behalf of the minors and the balance of Rs. 2,220-0-0 plus the opening balance of Rs. 6,220 at the beginning of the year under report, *i.e.*, a total amount of Rs. 8,440-0-0 is in deposit.

A bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act 1923 has been introduced in the Indian Legislative Assembly and the amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Regulation 1928 of Mysore on similar lines, in so far as they are applicable to conditions obtaining in Mysore, is under the contemplation of Government.